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**Iqaluit, Nunavut**  
**Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

**Members Present:**

Hon. David Akeagok, Mr. Tony Akoak, Hon. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak, Hon. Joe Enook, Mr. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanasie, Mr. Joeline Kaernerker, Ms. Mila Kamingoak, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, Hon. Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak, Ms. Margaret Nakashuk, Mr. Patterk Netser, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Hon. Paul Quassa, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik, Ms. Cathy Towtongie.

>>*House commenced at 13:31*

**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

**Speaker** (Hon. Joe Enook): Mr. Mikkungwak.

>>*Prayer*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Premier and members, good afternoon. Also to our fellow Nunavummiut, good afternoon.

**Speaker's Statement**

Before we proceed with the orders of the day, I wish to take this opportunity to formally welcome Nunavummiut who are following the proceedings of your Legislative Assembly on television and radio.

Today is the first day of our winter sitting and I know that all members are looking forward to the hard work ahead.

As the Member of the Legislative Assembly for the constituency of

Tununiq, I wish to also take this opportunity to publicly express my appreciation to all of my colleagues in this House for the time that they recently spent in Pond Inlet on the occasion of our Full Caucus Retreat.

The community of Pond Inlet and my constituents very much appreciated the opportunity to meet with the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

As my colleagues will recall, we received a number of important presentations from community leaders and stakeholders concerning such issues as municipal infrastructure, economic development, housing, search and rescue, and the important work of the district education authority and the hunters and trappers organization.

Although I am confident that all members will agree that the community feast which the municipality hosted for us was a tremendous success, I am also sure that you will agree that some of us are better square dancers and jiggers than others.

>>*Laughter*

Again, I sincerely appreciated the opportunity to host all of you in my home community, and I know that the work that we accomplished together will benefit all of our communities and constituents across this great territory.

I will now read a communication that I have received from Her Honour the Commissioner of Nunavut. I just received it, so I will read the English copy.

### Money Message

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut the passage of the following bills during the First Session of the Fifth Legislative Assembly:

- Bill 1, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019*;
- Bill 2, *Interim Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018*;
- Bill 3, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2017-2018*; and
- Bill 4, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 4, 2017-2018*.

Sincerely, Nelly T. Kusugak  
Commissioner of Nunavut

(interpretation) We will now proceed to the orders of the day. We will begin with Ministers' Statements. I will acknowledge our Premier of Nunavut, Premier Quassa.

### Item 2: Ministers' Statements

#### Minister's Statement 001 – 5(1): Centennial Flame

**Hon. Paul Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take a moment to share some good news with my colleagues.

As many of you are aware, the

Centennial Flame that is located on Parliament Hill in Ottawa is a prominent symbol of our nation's unity, but until very recently this monument did not include Nunavut.

The addition of our symbol to the Centennial Flame took place on December 13, 2017 at a televised ceremony. Canada 150 was the perfect time to unveil the updated Centennial Flame monument to include Nunavut and now finally represent the country fully from coast to coast to coast.

Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to speak at this event alongside honoured guests, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Minister of Canadian Heritage Melanie Joly, Minister of Public Service and Procurement Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Carolyn Bennett, Commissioner of Nunavut Nellie Kusugak, and other federal, territorial and municipal representatives.

Mr. Speaker, adding the symbols of Nunavut to the Centennial Flame reinforces Canada's identity as a northern country and the strength we bring to the entire nation. I encourage all Nunavummiut to visit the Flame when they are in Ottawa and to take pride in Nunavut's place in Canada. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Family Services, Minister Savikataaq.



**Minister's Statement 002 – 5(1):  
March 2018 is Social Work Month**

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Every March, individuals and organizations across Canada observe National Social Work Month in recognition of the meaningful contributions social workers make to the health, safety, and well-being of their communities.

This year's theme is Bringing Change to Life. The theme relates to the *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit* values of *Inuuqatigiitsiarniq*: respecting others, relationships, and caring for people; and *Pijitsirniq*: serving and providing for family and community.

My department currently has approximately 47 community social services workers across Nunavut. Community social services workers are responsible for providing a wide range of support services for children and adults who require support and/or protection. They are also responsible for providing prevention-based services to families.

The Department of Family Services has been collaborating with community organizations to provide training to community social services workers aimed at increasing parental engagement and community development, and their knowledge of Inuit-specific approaches to child protection, such as *Inunnguiniq* parenting.

Mr. Speaker, National Social Work Month gives us the opportunity to recognize and celebrate our social workers for everything they do throughout the year. It also gives us the

opportunity to encourage others, especially youth, to consider a career in this valuable field. On behalf of my department, I would like to extend a huge thank you to our community social workers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Health, Ms. Angnakak.

**Minister's Statement 003 – 5(1):  
Qikiqtarjuaq Tuberculosis  
Screening Clinic**

**Hon. Pat Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On February 5, 2018 the Department of Health began a temporary tuberculosis screening clinic in Qikiqtarjuaq. This is Nunavut's first community-wide screening program in response to rising TB rates.

The goal of this initiative is to significantly reduce the incidence rate of TB in Qikiqtarjuaq through voluntary screening. I'm pleased to say that after the first three weeks 47 percent of identified community members had been seen for their initial appointment. The clinic is running on schedule and is to be completed by the end of March.

Mr. Speaker, this bold response would not have been possible without the support of the Hamlet of Qikiqtarjuaq, the Department of Community and Government Services, and the Department of Education. Inuit organizations and local, territorial and federal partners have also been vital to this initiative.

I would like to especially acknowledge

the support in the form of human resources and clinic supplies from the Public Health Agency of Canada, Health Canada, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, the National Microbiology Laboratory, and other clinical and public health professionals from across the country.

Mr. Speaker, on February 9 I attended a community feast in Qikiqtarjuaq to mark the first week of the screening clinic, and I was very pleased to be joined by our Premier, Mr. Quassa, Mr. Keyootak, the leaders of the national, territorial and regional Inuit associations, as well as Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kim Barker.

The TB screening clinic in Qikiqtarjuaq is an example of the Department of Health's commitment to eliminating TB in Nunavut. The department will evaluate the results and lessons learned from this clinic to develop future initiatives in other communities experiencing high rates of TB. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. I have no more names on my list. Members' Statements. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

### **Item 3: Members' Statements**

#### **Member's Statement 021 – 5(1): Sanikiluaq's Athletes: Past, Present, and Future**

**Mr. Rumbolt:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge

the athletes, coaches, parents, and families of Sanikiluaq who have demonstrated that hard work, training, and dedication to sport can lead to great things.

Mr. Speaker, as many of my colleagues will know, living in a small, remote northern community makes the dream of participating in regional, territorial or national sporting events even harder to reach. As well as training, participating, and competing amongst themselves, our athletes have to work hard to raise the funds and organize the travel and registration at events which are usually held in major centres far away.

Mr. Speaker, our Sanikiluaq athletes have come a long way with great support from their coaches, their families, and the community. We have had badminton champions compete on the national stage to reach the podium. We have had long-distance runners compete in Ontario events with hundreds of other runners to achieve great success. We have hockey players up and coming. All of them are learning that being involved in sport and physical activity is one of the best lifestyle choices they can make.

Mr. Speaker, it is young athletes like Quentin Sala sharing their skills and dedication with the younger generation to build our athletes of the future who help make dreams come true. 19-year-old Quentin is teaching dozens of youth, some as young as six years old, the tricks and techniques of Arctic Sports such as the one-foot high kick, the one-hand reach, and the two-foot high kick. In a few years they will be major contenders at the Arctic Winter Games.

Mr. Speaker, this year's Arctic Winter

Games are fast approaching and I hope to have many opportunities in the future to stand proudly before you to recognize the participation and success of our athletes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

**Member's Statement 022 – 5(1):  
Congratulations to New Members  
of Baker Lake Local Housing  
Authority**

**Mr. Mikkungwak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to formally and publicly congratulate the new members of Baker Lake's local housing authority, whose appointments were recently published in the February edition of the *Nunavut Gazette*.

Mr. Speaker, the important work performed on a daily basis by our territory's local housing organizations deserves acknowledgement and recognition.

As we all know, Nunavut faces an ongoing housing crisis, and I join with those who have expressed their disappointment at the lack of new housing funding for Nunavut in this year's federal budget.

Mr. Speaker, our local housing offices face many challenges and are required to fulfill their responsibilities with very limited resources. I pay tribute to the hard-working employees of Baker Lake's local housing authority and I thank the staff of the Nunavut Housing Corporation who support their work.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, work has been progressing on Baker Lake's new local housing authority's complex, and I was very proud to be able to vote to approve funding for this project.

Mr. Speaker, the new members of Baker Lake's local housing authority are:

- Sheena Iksiraq;
- James Kalluk;
- Silas Kenalogak;
- Leo Lareau;
- Basil Quinangnaq;
- Sarah Sevoga; and
- Peter Tapatai.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating them on their appointments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

**Member's Statement 023 – 5(1):  
Acknowledging Constituency  
Assistants**

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to the people of Whale Cove and Arviat who are watching the televised proceedings.

I'll be making a short statement, Mr. Speaker. I know that there will be many members' statements.

I would like to recognize two of my constituents, Jerry Aupaaq Panigoniak and Patricia Enuapik. They are my constituents and they elected me from Whale Cove and Arviat. I work closely with them as they are my constituency

assistants. I thank them. They are very wise and have great abilities.

I really miss the communities that I represent, Arviat and Whale Cove. However, I have to do my work here in Iqaluit as an MLA. Patricia and Aupaaq will be representing me when I'm not in the community. They are very capable and wise, and I am very grateful to them.

As for the constituency assistants in your communities, we need to have a good base in the communities to get local input as MLAs.

I believe both of my constituency assistants are watching the proceedings. Patricia and Aupaaq, thank you very much for doing all the hard work. Hopefully we will be working together closely for the coming years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Qirngnuq.

**Member's Statement 024 – 5(1): The Importance of Inuit Traditional Knowledge**

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to the people of Kugaaruk and Taloyoak who are watching the televised proceedings. I say "good day" to my fellow members.

(interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to emphasize the importance of Inuit traditional knowledge in our society.

Inuit traditional knowledge is a way of viewing the world. Our elders have the experience and expertise of this way of life and can provide us with important tools on how to improve the way we live.

Mr. Speaker, the knowledge of our elders is a resource that can help us make sure that government programs reach the people who need it the most.

Our territory is facing some serious social issues. While our government has made efforts to address those issues, its efforts do not reflect the way Inuit see the world. Programs that have been adopted from other parts of the country may not be able to address the specific problems that Nunavummiut face.

**An Hon. Member:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Qirngnuq:** However, elders can inform us how to develop government programs that reflect the Inuit way of life. If our programs do not reflect the Inuit way of life, they will not address the underlying struggles that our society is facing.

Mr. Speaker, Inuit have gone from a traditional to a modern way of life in a very short period. Our territory has not been given the time to develop an administration that is governed according to our traditional principles.

Incorporating Inuit traditional knowledge into our government requires more than words in legislation or policy. It requires more than information, committees, and reports. We must build programs that are founded in traditional principles. We must operate our government according to the way Inuit

have always seen the world. When we need guidance, our elders have the knowledge of our ancestors and can help us to create a government that reflects its people.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I would like unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Member Qirngnuq is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement today. Are there any nays? There are none. Mr. Qirngnuq, please proceed.

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, my colleagues.

(interpretation ends) Our elders have the knowledge of our ancestors and can help us create a government that reflects its people if we only listen to their advice.

Mr. Speaker, my vision for the Fifth Legislative Assembly is that we work together and ensure that the Government of Nunavut begins to meaningfully incorporate Inuit traditional principles into every aspect of its administration.

To all Nunavummiut, I urge you to seek the guidance of your elders and to explore the traditional principles and practices of your ancestors. Together we can build strong, unique communities that reflect the Inuit way of life.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Kugluktuk, Ms. Kamingoak.

### **Member's Statement 025 – 5(1): The Need to Support Early Childhood Education**

**Ms. Kamingoak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome, everyone and to everyone watching at home, hello.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to encourage the government to do more to support early childhood education in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, under the current legislation, district education authorities are given responsibilities to deliver early childhood programming in our communities.

Many communities also have daycares or preschools which are run by societies. These organizations often struggle to stay open. They cannot always find qualified staff and when they do, they are not always able pay them a decent salary which reflects the important role they play in children's educational development.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that daycare and preschool should be brought in more closely under Education's umbrella. I believe that kindergarten should be taught on a full-time basis.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly believe that we need to invest and make greater commitments to supporting and delivering early childhood education if we want our children to succeed as they progress through the education system to become productive adults.

Mr. Speaker, during the Fourth Assembly, the government proposed changes to the current *Education Act*, but the bill did not make it through the

legislative process. I understand that there may be plans to bring forward a new bill to amend the *Education Act* during our term as the Fifth Legislative Assembly.

I encourage the government to take this opportunity to bring forward meaningful changes to how our education system supports and delivers early childhood education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Keyootak.

**Member's Statement 026 – 5(1):  
Recognition of Rebecca Hainnu as  
an Outstanding Principal**

**Mr. Keyootak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to express the pride I felt, but firstly I wish to extend my gratitude to the officials who travelled to Qikiqtarjuaq: our Premier, in particular the Minister of Health, as well as the other participants who represented the Inuit organizations, such as the president of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the president of Nunavut Tunngavik, as well as the president of Qikiqtani Inuit Association. In representing the residents of Qikiqtarjuaq, we extend our appreciation for this visit to our community.

Mr. Speaker, another matter that I wish to express my pride in relates to one of my constituents, an extremely dedicated individual in Clyde River. As most of us know, teachers undertake a lot of work to support their students, including undergoing stressful situations in trying to ensure the success of their students.

Mr. Speaker, this individual serves as the principal of the school in Clyde River. She undertook an innovative approach in her role. I ask my colleagues to share in acknowledging this individual for her confidence in trying something different in her role as the school principal, who is Ms. Rebecca Hainnu. I am sure many people have heard of her work.

I ask that you join me in expressing our gratitude to Rebecca, who undertook a lot of work to bring students who had dropped out in her community back to school. As a result, she garnered recognition for bringing many students back into the school, even after they had dropped out. She will be recognized nationally for her work, as her story was presented as an example.

I would like you to join me in extending our appreciation as people who are dedicated are a source of pride for us. Additionally she is an Inuk who became a teacher and worked her way up to principal, with a result where a lot of dropouts returned to the school. I am very proud of her. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

**Member's Statement 027 – 5(1): An  
Independent Public Service  
Commission**

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues.

Today as we start the first day of the Fifth Assembly, I would just like to

point out that this marks a special occasion for us all, but it also marks a tremendous occasion for my fellow new members. Now, this marks a moment that we have all been waiting for and we have put a lot of effort into being here.

With that being said, I would just like to renew the commitment that I made to my constituents as well as my fellow Nunavummiut. I would like to renew the fact that I'm going to work towards the items that I had listed in my platform, that is, of course our environment, our education, our employment, our housing, and increased transparency.

There was another item on the list that I wasn't able to include in my platform during my campaign and that was due to fear of repercussions, and that's the fact that I would like to work on behalf of the government employees as well.

I would like to state that I will be continuing the work of the Fourth Assembly in moving Nunavut towards the creation of a public service commission. I believe that having an arm's-length organization handling our human resource matters would be in the best interest as they would be representing the employees as well as management.

I really hope that we can work together to achieve this accomplishment and look forward to doing this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Akeeagok.

### **Member's Statement 028 – 5(1): Grise Fiord Church Fire**

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to extend my greetings to the people of Resolute Bay, Arctic Bay, and Grise Fiord.

I believe most members are aware of the event on Tuesday in Grise Fiord where the local church was built in the 1960s, and one of the construction builders continues to be a layperson in our church.

Currently the community is undergoing a stressful time, as the church has been declared unusable and can't be used anymore. It is currently being inspected as to the condition and the next steps. We will need to provide financial support to the residents to raise funds for a new church.

A church is not any old building within a community, as both joyous occasions as well as stressful, difficult times occur within them, a result of the ongoing cycles in our communities. When we feel stress or feel like celebrating, we congregate within our local churches.

The residents of Grise Fiord and a group working on the plan to replace the church will require our support through prayers, vocal support, as well as financial support. I would like to commemorate them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet,

Ms. Towtongie.

**Member's Statement 029 – 5(1):  
Chesterfield Inlet Qajaq Program**

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to acknowledge several people from Chesterfield Inlet who were recognized for working for several years on the Qajaq program. They received an Arctic Inspiration Prize award of \$150,000.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize Glen [Brocklebank], the local elder, Louis Autut, Kevin Issaluk, and the young people of Chesterfield Inlet who took the course to build qajait and can now build their own.

I also wish to recognize a non-Chesterfield Inlet event, but rather in Rankin Inlet related to our local hockey association. The local youth hockey camp was awarded an Arctic Inspiration Prize of, I believe, \$90,000. David Clark has been instrumental in working with our local children to develop hockey skills.

On this last matter, which I feel is critical to all of us, has affected our women as well as our men and relates to the National Inquiry into the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls that travelled to Rankin Inlet to hold a hearing.

This has impacted many of us, so I wish to express my pride in the witnesses, both the women and the men, who spoke to their relatives who have either been murdered or disappeared either in Nunavut or all over Canada. Further, victims of child sexual abuse also held a meeting in Rankin Inlet.

As the government representing our residents, I know for a fact that this will be supported by all members as well as the need to eliminate these deplorable actions in Canada against our women, including protection of our own children and girls who have been murdered in the past. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. I have no more names on my list. Going back to the orders of the day. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. There are none. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Arviat, Mr. Savikataaq.

**Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery**

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't recognize people too often in the gallery and it's very rare that I have multi-generations here in the gallery. I would like to recognize my wife, Susan Savikataaq, first generation.

>> *Laughter*

...and then my daughter Wendy Savikataaq, second generation, and then her daughter Annabella Savikataaq. That's three generations we have right here. My family is looking here and I'm proud they're here looking at us.

Also, my sister-in-law, Serena Siksik, and another one of my grandkids, Jordan Savikataaq. He's on the shy side, but he's there. I want everyone to welcome all three generations of my family here to this gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*



**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Rankin Inlet South, Mr. Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It must be recognition of multi-generations in the gallery day.

(interpretation) I would also like to recognize people in attendance. My wife, Sally Kusugak, is here and I would like to recognize her. My eldest daughter Kandace is no longer a Kusugak but Kandace Graham and her son, my grandson, Howard Uttuq, is here somewhere and her daughter, Okpik Graham, who is sitting there, as well as my father's namesake, Kusugak Graham. I wish to recognize them.

As well, I have another daughter, Nuatii Kusugak, and her partner, Tyler Adams, along with their son, who is not that quiet as doesn't take after his grandfather. I want to recognize Qaritaq Kusugak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Kugluktuk, Ms. Kamingoak.

**Ms. Kamingoak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize someone who I hold dear to my heart, my mother Millie Hikok and her common-law Jason Anawak, and also my brother-in-law P.J. Akeeagok. I would also like to recognize my late grandfather, Peter Kamingoak, who I personally feel has a presence here with me today.

Last but not least, I would like to recognize my spouse, Russell Akeeagok. Without his commitment, I wouldn't be here today. He continues to be the backbone and my number one supporter. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know this seems to be recognition of family members, but I would like to recognize one of my constituents who's joined in here today, no stranger to this House through her tireless work with the Department of Education over the years, and also someone who has bent my ear on a number of occasions to bring forward issues in this House. I would like to formally recognize Kathy McGregor. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Ms. Angnakak.

**Hon. Pat Angnakak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize people in attendance. My nephew, P.J. Akeeagok, is here. Beside him is my constituent, Joanna Awa. I also recognize Ann Hanson, who is here. Thank you for being here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you.

Welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I finally get the privilege of recognizing my beautiful wife, Hillary Burns, and our son Aiden. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Aiden, welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Joanasie.

**Hon. David Joanasie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to all the visitors in the gallery.

I wish to firstly recognize my wife, as I must always put her first and foremost. She is also the love of my life, as I love her the most. My wife, Emily Joanasie, is in the gallery.

Nonetheless, I also have other relatives who are visiting, so I will start with my constituents from Cape Dorset. First, my mother, Wendy, and my sister Mary are both sitting in the gallery.

As well, several guests whom I have invited to the Legislative Assembly, as per protocol of the House, I am grateful they were flown in: my paternal niece, Mary Ann Adla, along with my sister-in-law, who is also my late grandmother's namesake, Miazie Joanasie. They serve as the light in Cape Dorset for residents as well as to me, and I love them both dearly. I would like to welcome them here. They think of the future and they will provide a light towards our future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. I have no more names on my list.

Lastly I would also like to welcome my wife, Mary, and my daughter, Naomi Enook Arnakallak. Welcome.

>>Applause

Moving on with the orders of the day. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

### Item 6: Oral Questions

#### Question 001 – 5(1): Driver's Licences

**Mr. Rumbolt:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today my questions are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

As the minister will recall, her department recently announced that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police “will no longer administer practical and written tests for class 7 and 5 licences” in Nunavut communities. This change came into effect on January 1, 2018 for the Qikiqtani region.

Mr. Speaker, the department's announcement indicated that it is, and I quote, “exploring other options to ensure this important service continues and that Nunavummiut have access to driver licence exams across the territory.”

Can the minister update us today on what specific options are being explored to ensure that Nunavummiut have access to driver's licence exams across the territory? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Sheutiapik.

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik**

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the member. I was expecting a question on that. We are currently reviewing the matter because there are two different classes and five licences. Even the driver's licence is another issue. We can take pictures up here in Nunavut, but we are reviewing it to see if we can make it better. Of course we have to do a review in order to make changes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Rumbolt.

**Mr. Rumbolt:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister is aware, the territorial *Motor Vehicles Act* was recently amended by the Legislative Assembly. One of the amendments allows the government to introduce regulations to provide for a new graduated driver's licence system in Nunavut.

Can the minister update us today on the status of implementing a new graduated driver's licence system in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik**

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What I can say today is that there is currently a pilot project in Arviat for the new graduated driver's licence that will be for class 5 and 7 licences. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Rumbolt.

**Mr. Rumbolt:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I noted earlier, the minister's department recently announced that the RCMP will no longer administer practical and written tests for class 7 and 5 licences in Nunavut communities.

Can the minister clarify what specific reasons the RCMP have provided to the Government of Nunavut for why the organization will no longer provide this service? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik**

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. I would like to remind everyone that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police did look after the whole operation. However, I can say today that the GLOs in the smaller communities are currently being trained to provide that service. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Ms. Towtongie.

**Question 002 – 5(1): Public Housing Rent Scale**

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

I want to begin by paying tribute to the good work performed by the board members and staff of the local housing organizations in Chesterfield Inlet and Rankin Inlet.

Mr. Speaker, a number of my constituents have asked me to raise questions in this House about the issue of the public housing rent scale.

In January of 2013 the Government of Nunavut announced changes to the public housing rent scale. One of the goals of the new rent scale was to, and I quote, “reduce disincentives to employment and to support the goals of poverty reduction.” It has now been five years since these changes were made.

Can the minister indicate whether or not the Nunavut Housing Corporation will be reviewing the public housing rent scale during the life of this Assembly and government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Mr. Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague for her comments. In regard to the public housing rent scale, the housing corporation has an ongoing review of how they can improve the system. We look at the different options when we are setting up the public housing rent scale. It’s going to be reviewed on an ongoing basis. We are always looking for how we can improve the public housing rent scale and collection of rental arrears. It’s an ongoing review and we will try to keep making improvements to the public housing rent scale. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Ms. Towtongie.

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As I mentioned a few moments ago, one of the goals of the current public housing rent scale is to, and I quote, “reduce disincentives to employment and to support the goals of poverty reduction.”

Some of my clients have been paying 30 percent of their salary at the rate of \$1,700 and some at \$1,400; 30 percent of their income is having the opposite effect.

Can the minister tell us today what work has been done by the housing corporation across Nunavut to evaluate the extent to which this goal has been achieved? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for the question. Like I said, the housing corporation is always looking at ways to try to improve life and income for those in housing.

The people who are paying the 30 percent that Ms. Towtongie is referring to are those with a salary in the \$80,000 and above scale. I think what the housing corporation would like to do is to see them move out of public housing units and encourage them on into private homeownership.

Our department is continually trying to figure out ways of how we can make that successful and try to find ways that we could take people who are in the higher income bracket and make them homeowners and out of the housing corporation rental units. That work is

ongoing, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Ms. Towntongie.

**Ms. Towntongie:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, minister. I was pleased to note that the Nunavut Housing Corporation's 2016-17 annual report indicates that the rent collection rates in both Rankin Inlet and Chesterfield Inlet exceeded the territorial average. Can the minister describe what support the NHC provides to the local housing associations in collecting outstanding public housing rents?

In saying that, across Nunavut we have seen people no longer able to afford private houses and they boarded up those houses. What support does the Nunavut Housing Corporation provide to local housing associations? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) The local housing organizations are provided support depending on what their needs are because they are in different situations. Some of them request assistance in how to collect rental arrears and how to institute repayment arrangements. Some face staff shortages. We know each community is different and have to overcome different issues. We provide different types of support to the local housing organizations, such as collection of rental arrears, based on what their different needs are. We then offer our support to meet those needs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

### **Question 003 – 5(1): Grays Bay Road and Port Project**

**Mr. Akoak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues and the community of Gjoa Haven.

Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

As the minister is aware, the Grays Bay Road and Port Project is very important to the economic future of the Kitikmeot. Later today at the appropriate time I will be tabling a document which shows how this project has the potential of adding close to \$200 million to Nunavut's economy.

Mr. Speaker, in June of 2017 the Legislative Assembly approved \$2 million in supplementary funding for her department to "enable the completion of environmental and engineering activities" for the project. I was very proud to support this investment.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister update us today on how this money has been spent? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Sheutiapik.

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the member for his question. Today I can't state exactly the amount of funds that was expended for this stated purpose, but what I can say is

that this government supports the Grays Bay project. Nonetheless, in the months of assuming the ministerial position to date, we haven't expended any funds related to this project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Akoak.

**Mr. Akoak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. She just answered my last question, but I'll go to my second one.

>> *Laughter*

On September 14, 2017 the Legislative Assembly was informed that the Government of Nunavut had submitted the Grays Bay Road and Port Project to the federal government for funding under the new National Trade Corridors Fund. Can the minister tell us today what the federal response to this submission has been? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The corridors fund, my first federal-territorial ministers' meeting was transportation. In the fall they hope to announce the southern projects that have been approved and after that they plan on looking at the northern projects. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

### **Question 004 – 5(1): Government of Nunavut Office Closure Policy**

**Mr. Mikkungwak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister is aware, section 1011 of the Government of Nunavut's *Human Resources Manual* deals with the subject of bad weather and office closures.

Last month Baker Lake experienced a number of days of extremely cold weather, which is not unusual for us at this time of the year. However, many of my constituents expressed frustration with the inconsistent approach taken to school and office closures during that time. Although some facilities remained open, others were closed.

Mr. Speaker, the *Human Resources Manual* currently requires the Deputy Minister of Finance to make the final decision concerning whether or not to close down GN offices in a given community. However, I do not see why the deputy minister, whose office is here in Iqaluit, should be required to make judgment calls about local weather conditions hundreds of kilometres away in Baker Lake or Taloyoak or Grise Fiord or Sanikiluaq or Pond Inlet.

I believe that the government should review this aspect of the office closure policy and allow senior local GN staff who are physically in the community to make the call about whether or not local weather conditions justify closing down local GN offices. Will the minister commit to making this change to the policy, yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Finance, Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's a very good question. For the bad weather policy and office closures, the deputy minister has the final say, but we have a person in each community to consult with to find out and provide updates on the local weather. The person who works at the community level would make recommendations to the deputy minister. That's the process we currently use and I believe that it doesn't need to be changed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Mikkungwak.

**Mr. Mikkungwak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In many communities three levels of government have offices and employees: the federal government, the territorial government, and the municipal government. The question of whether or not to close down all schools and offices in a given community is further complicated by this. I believe that it would be useful for the GN to sit down with the other two levels of government to work towards a more consistent and common approach to office closures. Will the minister commit to doing this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Yes, I encourage every one of our employees that are tasked to do any of the closures within their communities to visit the hamlets and visit their...if there

are federal. Each of these agencies has their criteria. We have our criteria. In each community sometimes it's different and we have to reflect that. I encourage every one of our staff to have those discussions. My deputy minister has always maintained that.

For the school closures, this one is under the care of the district education authority. They also have their criteria and they're ones that are geared towards our children's safety. Following that criteria, that is the utmost. Safety is first for our children.

There are different levels for different closures, and I acknowledge each community operates in a different way and we have to be consistent. With good discussions with our staff that are directed to be in charge for the community closure advisories to my deputy minister, I encourage them to have discussions with those agencies. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Mikkungwak.

**Mr. Mikkungwak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister tell us how many work days have been lost so far in 2018 as a consequence of GN office closures across the territory? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I don't have that specific information per community, but we do have that data and when the government

is closed for weather closures, I can commit to getting that data per community for this. At this current time I don't have that information readily available to provide that response to you, *Uqaqtittijii*. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Kugluktuk, Ms. Kamingoak.

**Question 005 – 5(1): Planning for Long-term Care in Kugluktuk**

**Ms. Kamingoak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister and my colleagues are well aware, there is a very great need for long-term care across Nunavut.

Can the minister provide an update on what efforts her department has been making to address the need across Nunavut? *Koana*, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Health, Minister Angnakak.

**Hon. Pat Angnakak:** Thank you. Thank you for the question. There has been quite a bit of work that we're doing in looking at long-term care. I think everybody knows that it's a real priority across Nunavut and we know that we really need to do something. We currently send elders down south for dementia care. We hope to be able to address that as soon as possible.

We have elder care centres in Gjoa Haven, Igloolik, Arviat, and Baker Lake and we continue to work with those entities there to make sure that we're

providing the care that elders need. We hope to continue that going into the future, but we also want to look at how we can go forward in providing long-term care for those elders that we currently send down south. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Ms. Kamingoak.

**Ms. Kamingoak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Hamlet of Kugluktuk has been working very hard towards the establishment of a long-term care centre in the community. Can the minister confirm that she has received copies of the Kugluktuk long-term care centre proposal and the geotechnical evaluation for the proposed facility? *Koana*, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

**Hon. Pat Angnakak:** Thank you, *Uqaqtittijii*. Yes, I can confirm that I have seen the proposal and I know that my department has been in contact with the hamlet and the group there working on the project. Thank you, *Uqaqtittijii*.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Ms. Kamingoak.

**Ms. Kamingoak:** Mr. Speaker, I recognize that establishing a long-term care facility requires not only investment and commitment at the outset but also planning for operations and maintenance in the future. Can the minister provide an update on what steps she will be taking to respond to the proposal to establish a long-term care centre in Kugluktuk?



*Koana*, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

**Hon. Pat Angnakak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One of the things that we have done so far is we now have a full-time staff position that's going to look at long-term care in our department. That position would be very busy, I think, working with the different elder care centres across Nunavut, including the new ones that want to start up. There's also one in Iqaluit and there's one in Kugluktuk, your own community. We will be taking steps to meet with people to see what needs to be done going into the future and going from there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Patterk Netser.

**Question 006 – 5(1): Proposed Amendments to the Nunavut Act**

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good afternoon” to my constituents in Coral Harbour and Naujaat.

This question is for the Premier, Mr. Speaker, and I am proud that he will be our voice down in Ottawa for Nunavut.

The federal government recently announced its budget in regard to wildlife management in Nunavut. My question is, in that statement in reference to the *Nunavut Act*, the federal government proposes to “amend the *Nunavut Act* with respect to wildlife and the country food that we consume.”

Is the Premier is aware of this and what his position is on why the federal government wants to make changes to the *Nunavut Act*? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Premier of Nunavut, Premier Quassa.

**Hon. Paul Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank my colleague for asking about that. It's true that when the federal government announced their 2018 budget, they stated that they will have to amend the *Nunavut Act*. It identifies the legal gap to date in regard to wildlife management in Nunavut, especially concerning grizzly bears. The grizzly bears are now going up towards the northern part of Canada.

The Government of Nunavut will have to change the *Nunavut Act* in order to manage wildlife, especially for harvesting game food and country food. It is mainly geared towards that, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the Premier. (interpretation ends) Can the minister clarify if his government is involved in the federal government's plans to amend the *Nunavut Act* and, if so, can he tell if Nunavummiut will have the opportunity to provide input on these proposed amendments? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Premier Quassa.

**Hon. Paul Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Certainly we are right now, as you know, reviewing the federal budget and whatever was announced. We will be reviewing it in detail and individual departments will be engaging with their federal counterparts to determine what the budget really means to Nunavut. That's where we are at this time. I cannot specifically answer his particular question at this time, but as I said, we are reviewing the federal budget in detail and individual departments will be looking at it. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The federal government continues to restrict our hunting rights. Country food is so important to us. Can the Premier tell us...? Maybe I should ask in English. (interpretation ends) Can the Premier tell us today: what is his government's position on the Inuit rights to harvesting country food? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Premier Quassa.

**Hon. Paul Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My colleague is probably aware that I am quite familiar with the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* that I signed, and as a government, we have to follow the Nunavut Settlement Agreement. (interpretation ends) Therefore I can say that we do have obligations under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* and certainly we will respect those rights as it is implied under the Nunavut

Agreement. As we said, we have always based our government under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* because we have obligations. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerk.

### **Question 007 – 5(1): Mould Infestation in Public Housing Units**

**Mr. Kaernerk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) My questions are related to the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

One of the many serious issues facing Nunavut concerns mould [infestation] in our public units.

As the minister will be aware, the Nunavut Housing Corporation's recent annual report indicates that the Nunavut Housing Corporation, and I quote, "committed \$5.0 million to remediate units affected by mold in five communities."

For the record, can the minister confirm the five communities where this work took place? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The housing corporation is planning to do mould remediation in six communities. The communities are Baker Lake, Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven, Igloolik, Sanikiluaq, and Kugaaruk. Those are the

communities that were scheduled for mould remediation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Kaernerk.

**Mr. Kaernerk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, minister. (interpretation ends) The Nunavut Housing Corporation's most recent annual report, and I quote, also indicates that it is "in the process of assessing the remediation costs of units affected by mold in other communities." Can the minister update us today on the status of this work? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the member for that question. This is a very serious problem not just in the housing corporation's buildings but in buildings in general when mould starts to grow.

Our employees are working with the local housing organizations so that their workers can be trained on the best ways to remediate mould. There are different types of mould growth and some of them are more dangerous than others. The workers for the local housing organizations are being trained on how they can remediate mould and which types of mould are more dangerous than other types of mould.

The day before yesterday they held a meeting in Iqaluit with the housing corporation officials to see how this work can be done and also to produce trainers for mould remediation training.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Kaernerk.

**Mr. Kaernerk**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) Let me speak in Inuktitut. Mould is a problem and it causes illnesses in people, some of whom live in overcrowded conditions, especially in both Hall Beach and Igloolik. I know the local housing associations do some of the work on this and I appreciate the response that this will be dealt with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's it for me.

**Speaker** (interpretation): I don't think he asked a question. Oral Questions. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Qirngnuq.

#### **Question 008 – 5(1): Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Initiatives**

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) My questions today are for the Minister of Culture and Heritage.

Mr. Speaker, the department's Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Division coordinates the development of *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit* initiatives across the government. In its 2017-2020 business plan, the department indicated that an "*Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Framework*" has been completed. Will the minister commit to tabling this framework in the House before the end of this sitting? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Culture and Heritage, Minister Joanasie.

**Hon. David Joanasie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question. If I can have the *Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit* Framework completed before the end of this sitting, I will try to table it. I may be able to table it at the spring sitting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Qirngnuq.

**Mr. Qirngnuq**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In its 2017-2020 business plan the department indicated that “A book of Inuit Customary Laws is in the process of being compiled for translation.” Can the minister clarify if this book has been completed and, if so, will he commit to tabling it in the House before the end of this sitting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasie.

**Hon. David Joanasie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I’m not quite sure as to where the development of this book is, but if the book is completed, we’re planning to table it through my department. Books like this are always very interesting and we are always interested in distributing to the communities. Once it’s completed, I’ll table it here in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Qirngnuq.

**Mr. Qirngnuq**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the spring of 2015 the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts reviewed the annual reports of

the Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Katimajit. The standing committee presented a report on these hearings on November 3, 2015.

On March 1, 2016 the minister at that time tabled his department’s response. In this response, the minister indicated that he would table the terms of reference for the interdepartmental Tuttarviit Committee. However, the terms of reference have not been tabled in the House as of today. Will the minister commit to tabling the most recent terms of reference for the Tuttarviit Committee before the end of this sitting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasie.

**Hon. David Joanasie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I may have misunderstood the question. Are you asking about the Turaarviit committee or the Tuttarviit Committee?

The Tuttarviit Committee, as far as know, is the liaison office in my department, but there are workers from other government departments in the Tuttarviit Committee. If he is referring to that committee, I can table the terms of reference once it’s available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Pangnirtung, Ms. Nakashuk.

#### **Question 009 – 5(1): Pangnirtung Airport**

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you. I am pleased to be here and I welcome my constituents from

Pangnirtung.

My first question is for the (interpretation ends) Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

(interpretation) As the minister is aware and as residents of Pangnirtung are aware, the need to relocate Pangnirtung's airport to a new location has been a long-standing issue for the community and remains one of its top capital priorities. Can you provide an update on that? Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Sheutiapik.

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik**

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The department is very well aware of the Pangnirtung Airport and the undersized type of aircraft needed to serve the community. A submission for the project to relocate the Pangnirtung Airport was made to the national corridors fund. We have applied for it, but we won't know until after the fall on where this project stands. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Ms. Nakashuk.

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you. She already responded to part of the question I was going to ask, so I'll just ask this other question.

(interpretation ends) The Department of Economic Development and Transportation's current 20-year

infrastructure needs assessment for Nunavut Airports states that "In the event that relocation cannot be funded, it is recommended that the earlier study be expanded to address the most practical expansion possible at the current airport site."

For the record, can the minister indicate what her department's current estimate is for the cost of relocating Pangnirtung's airport? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik**

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the member for that question. The current cost estimate listed here, for which we have applied for, stands at \$8.6 million. If it is approved, it would be the total amount and our government's share would be \$3.4 million of that total amount. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Are you done? Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

#### **Question 010 – 5(1): General Rate Application**

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister responsible for the Utility Rates Review Council.

On October 27, 2017 the URRC received the Qulliq Energy Corporation's general rate application. The GRA proposes a number of changes to the power rates that are charged to residents and business customers across

Nunavut, including a proposed change from a community-based rate structure to a territory-wide rate structure.

*Uqaqtittijii*, the QEC has indicated that it wants the new power rates and rate structure to come into effect on April 1 of this year, which is less than 30 days from today.

Can the minister confirm at what stage of the regulatory process he and his cabinet colleagues are at with respect to reviewing the URRC's report and recommendations? (interpretation)  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Utility Rates Review Council, Minister Quassa.

**Hon. Paul Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague for that question. I cannot respond to the question presently, but I can state that I will be meeting with the chairman tomorrow. Without that meeting I really can't respond to the question, although I can reiterate that I will meet with the chairman tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Hickes.

**Mr. Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. He may not be able to answer this one as well if he's just meeting with the chairman tomorrow, but I will ask it anyway. Can the minister confirm when the URRC's final report on the QEC's GRA is expected to be made public?  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Quassa.

**Hon. Paul Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As per my earlier statement wherein I stated I would be meeting with the chairman of the URRC tomorrow, perhaps after we have discussed the issues at the meeting, I would be able to understand the question he asked. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Hickes.

**Mr. Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be looking forward to following up with these questions.

As I mentioned in my preamble to my initial question, the URRC received the QEC's GRA on October 27, 2017, a date which occurred during the recent general election campaign. For the record, is the minister in a position to explain why the GRA was submitted at this time rather than after the new Legislative Assembly and government took office? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Quassa.

**Hon. Paul Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We cannot control what has been completed by the previous government. Sometimes we have to implement what was decided by the previous government. That's the only response I can provide. Sometimes we inherit what was run by the previous government. I can only respond with that, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

**Question 011 – 5(1): Staff Housing**

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are also for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

During the recent election campaign, I heard many concerns from many of my constituents about the issue of housing. My questions today will focus on the issue of staff housing, which affects a significant number of Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister will be aware, the Nunavut Housing Corporation's blueprint for action outlines a number of specific actions to implement the government's *Long-term Comprehensive Housing and Homelessness Strategy*.

The NHC's current business plan indicates that the corporation is responsible for approximately 1,500 staff housing units across the territory. Action No. 21 of the blueprint provides for the NHC to work with the Department of Finance to "review and revise" the government's current *Staff Housing Policy*.

Mr. Speaker, I fully support this goal, as I believe that there are a number of inequities and problems with the current policy. Can the minister update the House today on the status of this work? Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the member for his question. Yes, the

housing corporation and the Department of Finance have continued to work on this file and this work will be ongoing, which is related to the issue of housing shortages, including how to improve staff housing. There are ongoing discussions on ways to improve this situation and look for better housing options for now and into the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Action No. 22 of the blueprint provides for the government to "analyze the current staff housing rents and subsidies to determine appropriate subsidy levels that encourage staff housing tenants to transition out of government-subsidized housing and into private rental or homeownership."

As I said very clearly during the election, I believe that we can and should be doing more to support our employees in this area, especially those who are not at the top end of the pay scale. Mr. Speaker, a good place to start is the household allowance that is provided to employees who are homeowners or who rent privately given that this amount has not changed in many years.

Now, the current household allowance at \$400 a month is a benefit, but it pales in comparison to the staff housing subsidy, which is well over a thousand dollars a month. This disparity is discouraging staff housing tenants who are capable of owning a home from actually doing so.

Now, my position on this issue is that

the amount of the housing allowance needs to be increased and that we should look at paying for this increase by reducing spending in lower priority areas. What is the government's position on this issue? Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. These are several initiatives of the housing corporation, as we search for ways to increase homeownership or to look at how more public servants can be moved out of public rental units by offering a homeownership program. This initiative is ongoing.

It will continue to be a priority for this government to determine if government staff can get out of rental housing and into their own homes and what benefits can accrue with this change of housing. It will continue to be a priority for us. We have many people who would like to own their own homes but who face barriers, so we are looking into how to remove these barriers. This continues to be a challenge we are facing, especially how it would impact the housing benefits we currently provide.

The Department of Finance and the housing corporation have ongoing discussions on possible improvements and areas such as benefits that would have to be massaged if this initiative moves forward. The work is ongoing. Once we have news to report, we will be tabling them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last week I attended the public information session that the NHC put on for government employees who are considering taking part in the new staff condominium program. I was very pleased with the great turnout and interest in this event, which I believe has great potential to help many of our employees become homeowners, especially our younger employees who are just starting their careers and who can't take on half-million-dollar mortgages.

Now, as the minister will be aware, the NHC's most recent annual report indicates that the corporation spent \$14,394,000 to purchase a number of units in the 2016-17 fiscal year for resale. If my math is correct, the GN will recover these costs in full, plus a little extra, if it sells all of the units for their listed price.

Now, will the minister commit to reporting back to the House at our spring sitting on the status of this condominium program so that all members will be in a position to consider whether or not the program should be continued or expanded? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, was happy to hear of the large turnout of people at the meeting to get updated on the condo program here in Iqaluit. I for one would love to see programs like this go on in other communities outside of here. It's an opportunity when it's there for Inuit and non-Inuit employees within government to be able to purchase houses at the real



costs. I can't guarantee this spring, but when there is something to report on this, I look forward to reporting on positive news on the matter of the 60 units my colleague is referring to, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

### **Question 012 – 5(1): Fuel Prices**

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) My questions are for the Minister of Community and Government Services, whose department is responsible for the government's Petroleum Products Division.

The price of fuel impacts every single resident of Nunavut, whether you're a hunter, whether you're a homeowner, whether you're an airline, that is, for jet A-1. This issue affects all Nunavummiut. Every year the territorial government announces changes to the price of fuel. The last time that a change was announced was on January 27, 2017.

Mr. Speaker, the government's most recent request for proposals for the supply and delivery of bulk refined petroleum products, that's a mouthful, to all Nunavut communities closed on February 12. It is my understanding that the contract has been awarded to the Rankin Inlet-based company AV Nunavut Fuels.

Can the minister confirm when the government will be announcing this year's fuel prices? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation... I'm sorry. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation to respond anyway.

>> *Laughter*

Right now I can't say whether the price of fuel is going to increase or decrease. The fuel hasn't been bought yet for this year. We will know the prices once the fuel is in the communities. There are different prices for fuel and they're higher or lower depending on the community. Once we have that information, we will know whether the fuel price will decrease or increase.

I can say that the price of fuel will not change at the moment. We still don't know whether the price of fuel will increase or decrease because we don't have the necessary information yet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. I hope that the prices will be going down as somebody who likes to go hunting and owns a house. That would be great.

**An Hon. Member:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Main:** Moving on, we have been hearing for many months now about the federal government's plan to introduce a new carbon tax. As I mentioned, the

government's most recent RFP for the supply and delivery of bulk refined petroleum products to all Nunavut communities closed recently.

Section 5.13 of the RFP requires companies that are submitting proposals to also account for costs that are associated with the imposition of a new federal carbon tax. Put simply, this means that the GN may need to pay more to purchase this year's supply of fuel and these additional costs will need to be covered by someone, whether it's the government or whether it's individual residents or by companies that will simply pass them on to the consumer.

Can the minister give us a sense today of what approach the GN is taking with respect to this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I could only speak in terms of the petroleum products part of the whole carbon tax issue.

Mr. Speaker, at this time we do not have any clear indications of what the carbon tax will be, what will be taxed, how much will it be, when will it be taxed, and so on. In short I can't answer that question until we get some indication from the federal government what, if, and when carbon tax will be implied or given to, in this particular case, the petroleum products in Nunavut. Until we get that, we can't answer any of those points at this time and when we do, I would certainly be more than happy to share it with my colleagues. Thank you,

Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is no choice but to make this my last one. (interpretation ends) As the minister is well aware, the federal government recently released a draft copy, right here, of its proposed new legislation concerning the carbon tax, which Ottawa is calling the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*.

Can the minister describe how he is working with his colleague, the Minister of Finance, to coordinate the Government of Nunavut's response to the proposed federal carbon tax legislation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The whole carbon tax issue and how it relates to this government and how it's going to be dealt with is being dealt with through the departments of Finance, Economic Development and Transportation, and the Premier's Office, Mr. Speaker. I'm sure they're doing a great job in evaluating the whole process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Fellow members, please note that the time for question period has expired. Therefore we will proceed with the orders of the day. Item 7. Written Questions. I don't see any hands. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. There are none. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Responses to Petitions. Item 12. Reports

of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

**Item 12: Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters\***

**Committee Report 001 – 5(1): Report of the Striking Committee on the Recommended Structure and Terms of Reference for the Standing Committees of the Fifth Legislative Assembly of Nunavut**

**Mr. Hickes** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I have the honour today of presenting the *Report of the Striking Committee on the Recommended Structure and Terms of Reference for the Standing Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*.

Mr. Speaker, as the House is aware, section 17 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the institution may “establish such committees to aid and advise as it considers necessary.” Rule 83 of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut* requires that a Striking Committee be established to report and recommend to the House, “with all convenient speed,” the membership of the standing committees of the Legislative Assembly.

As members will recall, the Striking Committee was established by way of a motion on the first sitting day of the Fifth Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, standing committees perform a number of important oversight functions on the activities of the government through:

- The scrutiny of proposed legislation;
- The consideration of the departmental and corporate main estimates, capital estimates, and business plans;
- The holding of televised hearings on the reports of independent officers of the Legislative Assembly; and
- The study of specific public policy issues and other matters referred to committees by the House.

The work of standing committees allows for public and stakeholder input into the development of new legislation.

Mr. Speaker, the televised hearings that the standing committees hold on the reports of the Auditor General and other independent officers of the Legislative Assembly serve to enhance government transparency and accountability. I note that a total of 15 televised hearings were successfully held by standing committees during the previous Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of the permanent public record and Nunavummiut who are following our proceedings today, I wish to take this opportunity to review the proposed mandate and structure of each of the current Legislative Assembly’s standing committees.

Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts will have oversight responsibility for the government’s two main central agencies in addition to a number of territorial corporations and other entities. This standing committee

will review the government's public accounts and hold televised hearings on the reports of the Auditor General and other independent officers of the Legislative Assembly. All regular MLAs will serve on this standing committee.

The Standing Committee on Legislation will also be composed of all regular MLAs. The standing committee has the mandate to review all bills that are referred to the committee after receiving second reading in the House, with the exception of Appropriation Acts and House Bills, which are automatically referred to the Committee of the Whole pursuant to Rules 67(3) and (4) of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*.

*Uqaqtittijii*, I would draw the attention of the House to those provisions in the proposed terms of reference for this standing committee that explicitly provide for the opportunity to scrutinize regulations and other statutory instruments. As members are aware, a number of important matters are addressed by regulation. While the Executive Council has the legal authority to pass regulations without Legislative Assembly approval, the standing committee can play a role with respect to the scrutiny of those regulations that are of significant importance and interest to the public such as, for example, upcoming regulations concerning cannabis.

The Standing Committee on Social Wellness will have oversight responsibility for the Department of Culture and Heritage, the Department of Education, the Department of Family Services, the Department of Health, the Department of Justice, and Nunavut

Arctic College. Mr. Speaker, as members will note, its focus is on those departments and Crown agencies with responsibility for programs and services that focus directly on people.

The Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development will have oversight responsibility for the Department of Community and Government Services, the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, the Department of Environment, and the Nunavut Housing Corporation. As members will note, its focus is on those departments and Crown agencies with responsibility for such matters as infrastructure and resource management.

The Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges will consider the operation of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut* and any other matter referred to it by the House. This standing committee will include a ministerial representative.

Mr. Speaker, this concludes the report of the Striking Committee. Consequently I move that it be received and adopted by the House, and that the *Terms of Reference for the Standing Committees of the 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*, which are attached to this report as an appendix, be entered into the record as read. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Hickes. There is a motion on the floor that the report of the Striking Committee be received and adopted by the House and that the *Terms of Reference for the Standing Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*

be entered into the record as read. Do members agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Moving on. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

### **Item 13: Tabling of Documents**

#### **Tabled Document 006 – 5(1): Economic Assessment of the Grays Bay Road and Port Project**

**Mr. Akoak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table today a copy of a recent economic assessment of the Grays Bay Road and Port Project. Members will note that the assessment indicates that the project will contribute approximately \$200 million to Nunavut's territorial economy.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all members to review this document, which has only eight pages, with care. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. I have two documents to table today.

#### **Tabled Document 007 – 5(1): 2016- 2017 Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer**

#### **Tabled Document 008 – 5(1): 2016- 2017 Annual Report of the Representative for Children and Youth**

The first document is the 2016-17 *Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut*.

The second document is the 2016-17 *Annual Report of the Representative for Children and Youth*. Thank you.

Moving on with the orders of the day. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

### **Item 14: Notices of Motions**

#### **Motion 008 – 5(1): Appointments to Standing Committees – Notice**

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, March 8, 2018, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Uqqummiut, that members be appointed to the standing committees of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Hickes. My light was always on, so I wasn't sure if the camera was on you. Thank you.

Going back to the orders of the day. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Akeagok.

### **Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills**

#### **Bill 01 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019 – Notice**

**Bill 02 – Interim Appropriation  
(Operations & Maintenance) Act,  
April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018 –  
Notice**

**Bill 03 – Supplementary  
Appropriation (Operations &  
Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2017-  
2018 – Notice**

**Bill 04 – Supplementary  
Appropriation (Capital) Act, No.  
4, 2017-2018 – Notice**

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time I give notice that on Wednesday, March 7, that Bill 1, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019*; Bill 2, *Interim Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, April 1, 2018 to June 31, 2018*; (interpretation ends) Bill 3, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2017-2018*; and Bill 4, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 4, 2017-2018*, (interpretation) will be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Akeeagok. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

**Item 16: Motions**

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As promised, I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any

nays? There are none. Mr. Hickes, please proceed.

**Motion 008 – 5(1): Appointments to  
Standing Committees**

**Mr. Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, WHEREAS section 17 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly may establish such committees to aid and advise it as it considers necessary;

AND WHEREAS the Striking Committee has reported to the House;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make appointments;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Uqqummiut, that members be appointed to the standing committees of the Legislative Assembly;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the following members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Legislation: Tony Akoak, George Hickes, Joelle Kaerner, Mila Kamingoak, Pauloosie Keyootak, Adam Arreak Lightstone, John Main, Simeon Mikkungwak, Margaret Nakashuk, Patterk Netser, Emiliano Qirngnuq, Allan Rumbolt, and Cathy Towtongie;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the following members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts: Tony Akoak, George Hickes, Joelle Kaerner, Mila Kamingoak,

Pauloosie Keyootak, Adam Arreak Lightstone, John Main, Simeon Mikkungwak, Margaret Nakashuk, Patterk Netser, Emiliano Qirngnuq, Allan Rumbolt, and Cathy Towtongie;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the following members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Social Wellness: Tony Akoak, George Hickes, Joeline Kaernerk, Mila Kamingoak, Adam Arreak Lightstone, Margaret Nakashuk, and Patterk Netser;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the following members be appointed as alternate members of the Standing Committee on Social Wellness: John Main, Allan Rumbolt, and Cathy Towtongie;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the following members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development: Pauloosie Keyootak, John Main, Simeon Mikkungwak, Emiliano Qirngnuq, Allan Rumbolt, and Cathy Towtongie;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the following members be appointed as alternate members of the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development: Tony Akoak, Adam Arreak Lightstone, and Patterk Netser;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the following members be appointed as members of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges: David Akeagok, George Hickes, John Main, Simeon Mikkungwak, and Emiliano Qirngnuq.

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the

following members be appointed as alternate members of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges: Joeline Kaernerk and Cathy Towtongie.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Therefore I move.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**An Hon. Member:** Question.

**Speaker** (interpretation): All those in favour, please raise your hand. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Thank you, Mr. Hickes.

Moving on with the orders of the day. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Akeagok.

### **Item 17: First Reading of Bills**

**Hon. David Akeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the [one-day] notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 1, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, minister. The minister is seeking consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement so that Bill 1 can be read for the first time today. Members, do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Akeagok, please proceed.

**Bill 01 – Appropriation (Capital) Act,  
No. 2, 2018-2019 – First Reading**

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, my colleagues. I move, seconded by the Member for Rankin Inlet South, that (interpretation ends) Bill 1, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 1 has been read for the first time.

Going to the orders of the day. First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 2, (interpretation ends) *Interim Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018*. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The minister is seeking consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement so that Bill 2 can be read for the first time today. Members, do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

**Bill 02 – Interim Appropriation  
(Operations & Maintenance) Act,  
April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018 –  
First Reading**

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. I move, seconded by the Member for Aggu, that Bill 2, *Interim Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. Thank you. The motion is carried and Bill 2 has been read for the first time.

Going to the orders of the day. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 3, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2017-2018*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The minister is seeking consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement so that Bill 3 can be read for the first time today. Members, do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. We are in agreement. Minister Akeeagok, please proceed.



**Bill 03 – Supplementary  
Appropriation (Operations &  
Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2017-  
2018 – First Reading**

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. I move, seconded by the Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, that (interpretation ends) Bill 3, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2017-2018*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Akeeagok. The motion is in order. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 3 has been read for the first time.

Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Hon. Minister of Finance, Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I again request consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of (interpretation ends) Bill 4, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 4, 2017-2018*. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The minister is seeking consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement so that Bill 4 can be read for the first time today. Do members agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. There is agreement amongst members. Minister Akeeagok, please proceed.

**Bill 04 – Supplementary  
Appropriation (Capital) Act, No.  
4, 2017-2018 – First Reading**

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. I move, seconded by the Member for Rankin Inlet South, that (interpretation ends) Bill 4, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 4, 2017-2018*, (interpretation) be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 4 has been read for the first time.

Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Akeeagok.

**Item 18: Second Reading of Bills**

**Bill 01 – Appropriation (Capital) Act,  
No. 2, 2018-2019 – Second Reading**

**Hon. David Akeeagok:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South, that Bill 1, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the Government of Nunavut to make capital expenditures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, minister. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**An Hon. Member:** Question.

**Speaker** (interpretation): All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. All those opposed. The motion is carried and as Bill 1 is an appropriation bill, it is immediately referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Item 18. Second Reading of Bills.  
Minister of Finance, Minister Akeegok.

**Bill 02 – Interim Appropriation  
(Operations & Maintenance) Act,  
April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018 –  
Second Reading**

**Hon. David Akeegok:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Aggu, that Bill 2, *Interim Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the Government of Nunavut to make interim appropriations for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, minister. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**An Hon. Member:** Question.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Question has been called. All those in favour, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. Thank you. The motion is carried and as Bill 2 is an appropriation bill, it is immediately referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Item 18. Second Reading of Bills.  
Minister of Finance, Minister Akeegok.

**Bill 03 – Supplementary  
Appropriation (Operations &  
Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2017-  
2018 – Second Reading**

**Hon. David Akeegok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, that Bill 3, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2017-2018*, be read for the second time.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations to defray the operations and maintenance expenses of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, minister. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**An Hon. Member** (interpretation): Question.

**Speaker** (interpretation): All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried and as Bill 3 is an appropriation bill, it is immediately referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Item 18. Second Reading of Bills.  
Minister of Finance, Minister Akeegok.

**Bill 04 – Supplementary  
Appropriation (Capital) Act, No.  
4, 2017-2018 – Second Reading**

**Hon. David Akeegok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Member for Rankin Inlet South, that Bill 4, (interpretation ends) *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 4, 2017-2018*, be read

for the second time.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations to defray the capital expenditures of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, minister. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. The motion is carried and as Bill 4 is an appropriation bill, it is immediately referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

**Motion 009 – 5(1): Early Adjournment**

**Mr. Rumbolt:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 46, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Baker Lake, that the House adjourn for the day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order and is not subject to debate. All those in favour of the motion. Thank you. All those opposed. The motion is carried.

We will proceed directly to Item 22 in the *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

**Item 21: Orders of the Day**

**Clerk** (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *Orders of the Day* for March 7:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Responses to Petitions
12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motions
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
  - Bill 1
  - Bill 2
  - Bill 3
  - Bill 4
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole

21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you.  
This House stands adjourned until  
Wednesday, March 7, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 15:56*

## **Appendix – March 6, 2018**



**Terms of Reference for the Standing Committees of the  
5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly of Nunavut**

## **Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts**

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The mandate of the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts is to:

- Consider main estimates, capital estimates, departmental business plans and corporate business plans; and
- Consider any other matter referred by the House.

The Standing Committee has oversight responsibility for the following Government of Nunavut departments, Crown agencies, territorial corporations and other entities:

- Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs;
- Department of Finance;
- Nunavut Business Credit Corporation;
- Nunavut Development Corporation;
- Qulliq Energy Corporation;
- Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission;
- Human Rights Tribunal;
- *Inuit Uqausinginnik Taiguusiliuqtiit*;
- Legal Services Board;
- Liquor Licensing Board;
- Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council;
- Utility Rates Review Council;
- *Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Katimajit*; and
- Unless otherwise specified in the terms of reference for any other Standing Committee, all other boards and agencies of the Government of Nunavut.

The Standing Committee has additional responsibility for:

- Considering the Public Accounts of Nunavut and the reports of the Auditor General of Canada;
- Considering the reports of the Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut;
- Considering the reports of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut;
- Considering the reports of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut;
- Considering the reports of the Representative for Children and Youth; and
- Considering matters related to the Government of Nunavut's obligations under the *Nunavut Agreement*.

## **Standing Committee on Legislation**

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The mandate of the Standing Committee on Legislation is to:

- Consider legislative proposals;
- Consider bills referred by the House after second reading, pursuant to the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly*;
- Consider regulations and other statutory instruments;
- Consider any other matter referred by the House.



## **Standing Committee on Social Wellness**

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The mandate of the Standing Committee on Social Wellness is to:

- Consider main estimates, capital estimates, departmental business plans and corporate business plans; and
- Consider any other matter referred by the House.

The Standing Committee has oversight responsibility for the following Government of Nunavut departments and Crown agencies:

- Department of Culture and Heritage;
- Department of Education;
- Department of Family Services;
- Department of Health;
- Department of Justice; and
- Nunavut Arctic College.

## **Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development**

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The mandate of the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development is to:

- Consider main estimates, capital estimates, departmental business plans and corporate business plans; and
- Consider any other matter referred by the House.

The Standing Committee has oversight responsibility for the following Government of Nunavut departments and Crown agencies:

- Department of Community and Government Services;
- Department of Economic Development and Transportation;
- Department of Environment; and
- Nunavut Housing Corporation.

## **Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges**

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The mandate of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges is to:

- Consider the operation of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*; and
- Consider any other matter referred by the House with respect to the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*.

# Standing Committee Structure

